**Laying of optical fibre cables by private companies**

1641. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of private companies are laying optical fibre cables in the country;

(b) if so, the name of the companies, territory given to them and under which category of licenses;

(c) whether these companies are paying any license fee for the same;

(d) if so, how Government propose to charge the license fee; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes sir,

(b) The information is given in the Statement *(See* below).

(c) to (e) Yes Sir, The details of licence fee charged as a percentage share of Adjusted Gross Revenue, is also given in the above mentioned Statement. However, no licence fee is charged from companies registered as Infrastructure Provider Category-I (IP-I). IP-I provide only dark fibre, right of way, duct space and tower which do not carry message as defined in Indian Telegraph Act, 1885.

***Statement***

*Details regarding names of the companies territory given to them and under which category of licenses alongwith the details of licence fee charged as a percentage share of Adjusted Gross Revenue*

***National Long Distance Services Licensees***

| Name of the private companies | Territory for which license issued | License fee |
|---|---|---|
| M/s. Reliance Infocomm Limited<br><br>M/s. Bharti Telesonic Limited | On All India Basis | The license fee charged as a percentage share of Adjusted Gross Revenue @ 10% |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| M/s. Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL) | On All India Basis | plus prescribed contributions towards Universal Service Obligation (USO) fund with a total cap of 15% |

***International Long Distance Services Licensees***

| Name of the private companies | Territory for which license issued | License fee |
|---|---|---|
| M/s. Reliance Infocomm Limited<br>M/s. Bharti Telesonic Limited'<br>M/s. Data Access (India) Limited- | On All India Basis | The license fee charged as a percentage share of Adjusted Gross Revenue @ 10% plus prescribed contributions towards Universal Service Obligation (USO) fund with a total cap of 15% |

***Infrastructure Provider (Category-II) Licensees***

| Name of the private companies | Territory for which license issued | License fee |
|---|---|---|
| M/s. Hughes Escorts Communications Limited<br>M/s. Tata Power Company Limited | On All India Basis | The license fee charged as a percentage share of Adjusted Gross Revenue @ 10% plus prescribed contributions towards Universal Service Obligation (USO) fund with **a** total cap of 15% |

***INFRASTRUCTURE PROVIDER(Category-l)***

| Name of the private companies | Territory for which license issued | License fee |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| M/s Powertel Solutions Private Limited.<br>M/s Bharti Telesonic Limited.<br>M/s Shyam Telecom Infrastructure Projects (P) Limited.<br>M/s Atlanta Capital Private Limited.<br>M/s RPG Netcom Limited.<br>M/s Reliable Internet Services Limited.<br>M/s Zoom Developers Private Limited.<br>M/s Steadfast Construction & Engineering Private Limited.<br>M/s Spectra Net Limited.<br>M/s i2l Media Limited.<br>M/s Punjab Cybernet Private Limited.<br>M/s Netware Infosys Private Limited.<br>M/s Haryana Cybernet Private Limited.<br>M/s Bhavya Communication Private Limited.<br>M/s Ice net. net Limited.<br>M/s Kerala Communication Private Limited.<br>M/s Netware Infosys Private Limited.<br>M/s Megabyte Infosys Private Limited.<br>M/s Giga Solutions Private Limited.<br>M/s Informagic Services Private Limited.<br>M/s West Bengal Network Private Limited.<br>M/s Bihar Network Private Limited.<br>M/s Uttar Pradesh Network Private Limited.<br>M/s Orissa Network Private Limited.<br>M/s M.P Network Private Limited.<br>M/s E. Comm Opportunity Private Limited.<br>M/s Dishnet DSL Limited.<br>M/s RPG Cables Limited.<br>M/s HFCL Infotel Limited<br>M/s Reliance Infocom Limited.<br>M/s The Tata Power Company Limited.<br>M/s Hindustan Construction Company Limited.<br>M/s Bharti Telenet Limited.<br>M/s India Online Network Limited. | On All India Basis | There is no license fee for Infrastructure Provider category-l (IP-I) |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| M/s Fibrenet Private Limited. | | |
| M/s BSES Telecom Limited. | | |
| M/s Net Shastr Facilities India Private Limited. | | |
| M/s Data Access (India) Limited. | | |
| M/s BPL Broadband Networks Limited. | | |
| M/s BSES Limited. | | |
| M/s Jain Infonet Private Limited. | | |
| M/s MediaCast India Private Limited. | | |
| M/s Hughes Escorts Communications Ltd. | | |
| M/s Bombay Gas Company Ltd. | | |
| M/s Aksh Broadband Ltd. | | |
| M/s Aksh Opitifibre Ltd. | | |
| M/s Induslnd Media & Commn. Ltd. | | |
| M/s Fascel Ltd. | | |
| M/s IN2CABLE (INDIA ) Ltd. | | |
| M/s Aircel Limited. | | |
| M/s Asianet Satellite Communications Ltd. | | |

***BASIC TELEPHONE SERVICE***

| Name of the private companies | Territory for which license issued | License fee |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| M/s Bharti Telenet Limited | Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Karnataka, Delhi & Tamil Nadu | The licence fee is 12%, 10% and 8% of Adjusted Gross Revenue for category A, B & C circle respectively. |
| M/s Tata Teleservices Limited | Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Gujarat, Karnataka & Tamil Nadu | |
| M/s Hughes Telecom (I) Ltd. | Maharashtra | Category A circles: Andhra Pradesh, Delhi Gujarat, Karnataka, |
| M/s Syam Telelink Limited | Rajasthan | Maharashtra (Including Mumbai & |
| M/s Reliance Telecom Limited | Gujarat | Goa) and Tamil Nadu (including Chennai) |
| M/s Reliance Communications, Limited | Haryana, Punjab, Delhi, West Bengal (including Sikkim & Kolkatta), Uttar Pradesh (East) Uttar Pradesh (West) (including Uttaranchal), Karnataka, | Category B circles: Haryana, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh (indudhg Chhatfegsirh), Punjab, Rajasthan, |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| | Maharashtra (including Mumbai & Goa), Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Orissa, Bihar (including Jharkhand), Madhya Pradesh (including Chhattisgarh), Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Andaman & Nicobar Islands & Tamil Nadu. | Uttar Pradesh-West (including Uttaranchal) Ultar Pradesh (East) and West Bengal (including Kolkata)<br><br>Category C circles: Andaman & Nicobar, Assam, Bihar (including Jharkhand), Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, North East and Orissa. |
| M/s HFCL Infotel Limited | Punjab | |

## *CELLULAR MOBILE TELEPHONE SERVICE*

| Name of Private Companies | Territory for which Licence issued | Licence Fee |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Bharti Cellular | Delhi, Mumbai, Haryana, Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, UP. (West) Gujarat | The licence fee is 12%, 10% and 8% of Adjusted Gross Revenue for category A,B & C circles respectively. |
| Sterling Cellular | Delhi | Category A Circles: |
| Birla AT&T | Delhi, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra | Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai |
| BPL Mobile Communications | Mumbai | Gujarat, Karnataka, |
| Hutchinson Max Telecom | Mumbai | Kolkata, Maharashtra, |
| Bharti Mobitel | Kolkata | (including Goa and |
| Usha Martin | Kolkata | excluding Mumbai) |
| Reliable Internet | Kolkata | and Tamil Nadu |
| RPG Cellular Services | Chennai | (excluding Chennai) |
| Bharti Mobinet | Chennai | |
| Hutchinson Essar South Limited | Chennai, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka | Category B Circles: Haryana, Kerala, |
| Aircel Limited | Andaman & Nicobar, Tamil Nadu | Madhya Pradesh, |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| Bharti Mobile Ltd. | Andhra Pradesh, Punjab | (including Chattisgarh), |
| Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd. | Assam, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh North East, Orissa, West Bengal | Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh West (including Uttaranchal), Uttar Pradesh (East) and West Bengal |
| Fascel Limited | Gujarat | (Excluding Kolkata). |
| Escotel Mobile | Haryana, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh (West) | Category C Circles: Andaman & Nicobar, |
| Aircel Digilink India Ltd. | Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh (East) | Assam, Bihar (including Jharkhand), Himachal, |
| Bharti Telenet | Himachal Pradesh | Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, North East and Orissa. |
| Escorts Telecommunications Ltd. | Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan | |
| Spice Communications | Karnataka, Punjab | |
| BPL Cellular | Kerala | |
| BPL Mobile Cellular | Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu | |
| RPG Cellular | Madhya Pradesh | |
| Hexacom India | North East, Rajasthan | |
| Koshika | Uttar Pradesh (East) | |

**Closure of STD/ISD**

1642. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the closure of STD/ISD and Internet was step to check and control terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, what are the reasons that made the Centre backtrack;

(c) whether it is a fact that in an unfruitful attempt to control terrorism the genuine people of Jammu and Kashmir were deprived of basic communication by Centre's earlier decision; and